proposed under rubber cultivation during 1984 is 6000 hectares as follows: Kerala 2000, Tamil Nadu 300, Karnataka 1000, Goa and Maharashtra 600, Tripura 1000, Assam 10000 and other 100 hectares.

(b) The statewise production of raw rubber during the last three years are as follows:

(In Tonnes)

State	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84
Kerala	139,435	152,662	162,514
Tamil Nadu	10,510	9,700	9,730
Karnataka	2,606	3,070	2,493
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	188	247	336
Tripura	85	108	137
Goa	27	37	40
Others	19	26	30
TOTAL	152,870	165,850	175,280 (Provisional)

(c) The quantity of rubber imported during the last three years and the value there of are as under:

Year	quantity (Tonnes)	Value (Rs./Lakhs)
1981-82	42,750	3666·60
1982-83	30,050	2370·41
1983-84	31,200	3692·41

(d) A programme for developing rubber cultivation in North Eastern States has been taken up. Possibilities of rubber cultivation in other States like Orissa are also being explored.

(e) For encouraging New Planting and Replanting the following assistance is given under Rubber Plantation Development Scheme:

(i) Cash subsidy @ Rs. 5.000/- per hect. to small growers and Rs. 3,000/- hect. to large growers.

(ii) Addl. Assistance to weaker sections of small holders owing not more than 6 hects. which comprised of reimbursement of cost of planting materials used, half the cost of Fertilisers during immaturity period and subsidy upto Rs. 150 per hect. for soil conservation work.

(iii) Interest subsidy @ 3 per cent on loans, availed of from the NADARD to supplement cash subsidy granted from the Board to small growers and large growers undertaking replanting and new planting.

(iv) Free extension and advisory support to all growers at all stages of planting and maintenance.

B. Incentives are also given in the form of raisng and distributing high yielding planting materials popularising rain guarded tapping, low volume spraying against disease and imparting training in tapping rubber trees. Financial and technical assistance is also provided to cooperative societies for improving marketing of small holders.

Drug Trafficking

1508. SHRI M. M. JACOB: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases of

drug trafficking from India to foreign countries and vice-versa detected and cases registered during the last three years;

(b) what is the nature of punishment awarded to the persons apprehended; and

(c) what incentives are given to the officials who detect such cases?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) According to reports received by the Government, the number of cases of drug trafficking from India to foreign countries and vice-versa detected during 1981 to 1983 and 1984 (upto June) is as under:

year	Number of cases of drug trafficking from India to foreign countries.	Number of cases of drug trafficking from foreign countries to India.
1981 . .	350	141
1982 . .	251	188
1983 . .	195	239*
1984 . . (upto June)	79	64*

*Provisional

(b) The persons apprehended in cases of drug trafficking are liable to penalties in departmental adjudications as also to prosecution in Courts of law under the Customs Act, 1962 and the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1930.

This apart, preventive detention under the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974 is also resorted to wherever justified.

(c) The officials under the Department of Revenue engaged in detection of drug trafficking are eligible for grant of reward for the detection of opium trafficking cases. The monetary limits of the reward range from Rs. 500/- to Group 'D' staff to Rs. 2,500/- to Group 'B' staff subject to the ceiling of Rs. 30/- per Kg. of standard opium seized. In deserving cases, Presidential awards are also granted for exceptionally meritorious service rendered by the officers at the risk of their lives and for a specially distinguished record of service.

Central Excise duty outstanding against Rohtas group of companies

1509. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of show cause notices issued to Rohtas Group of Companies during the last three years for violation of central excise duty;

(b) what are the details of the amount outstanding against them on this account and since when this amount is outstanding;

(c) Whether Government propose to charge any interest on the outstanding amount; if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) What steps are being taken by Government to realise the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) Data regarding revenue and arrears are maintained by Collectors of Central Excise manufacturing unit-wise and not in terms of group of companies. Further varification with Department of Company Affairs indicates that there is no group by M/s Rohtas Group.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Uniform Wage Policy

1510. SHRI T. THANGABALU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce Uniform Wage Policy in the Centre, States, Public Sector Undertakings, State-owned